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Docket No. GC525-C3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application:)
Jones et al.) Group Art Unit: 1652
Serial No.: 09/938,940) Examiner: Richard G. Hutson
Filed: August 24, 2001)
For: Chemically Modified Mutant Enzymes and)
Methods for Producing Them, and Screening)
Them for Amidase and/or Esterase Activity)

Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

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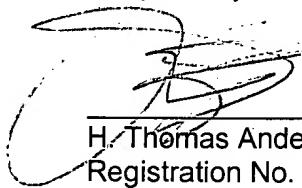
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